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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1116

Wednesday, *the* $\frac{\textit{2nd April 1941}}{\textit{20th Meenam 1116}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K.C.I.E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, M. K. Devassy, K. R. Viswambharan, K. M. Ibrahim, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

KORAVANS OF CHITTUR—EVICTION OF

301. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of a petition dated 1st Makaram 1116 from the Koravans, a backward community of Chittur, complaining that they are being evicted from tenements they have been in possession from long time since;

(*b*) what have Government done to protect them;

(*c*) how many of them have been evicted since then;

(*d*) were not these evictions set on foot after the introduction of the Verumpattam Tenants Bill by Government;

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to acquire the whole site and save them from being driven away from their houses?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government propose to give them house sites after acquiring the necessary land.

(*c*) Three families till 29th Makaram 1116.

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(*d*) Government have no information.

(*e*) Yes.

Sir, I wish to modify the last answer. The number of applications are nearly 18 and we propose to take a large area to accommodate all of them.

BORE-HOLE LATRINES IN DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES

302. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether machines for making bore-hole latrines have been supplied for the use of depressed classes residing in colonies in 1114 and 1115 ;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) what was the price of the machines supplied;

(*d*) whether bore-hole latrines were dug in any of the colonies ; if so, how many in each colony ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes; in 1114.

(*b*) 3.

(*c*) Rs. 106.

(*d*) Yes ; 3 latrines were dug in the Vijayaraghavapuram Colony.

RURAL LIBRARIES—CONDITION AFTER TRANSFER TO MINISTER'S CONTROL

303. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of rural libraries that have been established since the ministry was established ;

(*b*) the number of books purchased and distributed to the libraries ;

(*c*) the total amount of money hitherto spent on the libraries since the Ministry of Rural Development was established ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 31 libraries were started after the rural libraries were transferred to the Minister's control in 1115. At the time of transfer, there were 44 libraries working.

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